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NEW YORK (AP) -- THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB HAS ASKED THE SOVIET UNION TO WITHDRAW ALLEGATIONS THAT THREE AMERICAN REPORTERS IN MOSCOW ARE AGENTS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

THE OPC'S PRESIDENT, MATTHEW BASSITY, SENT THIS TELEGRAM THURSDAY TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLY DOBRYNIN IN WASHINGTON, D.C.:

"THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA STRENUOUSLY OBJECTS TO THE ACCUSATION THAT THREE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"THE THREE CORRESPONDENTS, GEORGE A. KRIVSKY, OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; CHRISTOPHER WREN, BUREAU CHIEF OF THE NEW YORK TIMES; AND ALFRED FRIENDLY JR., OF NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE, HAVE ESTABLISHED REPUTATIONS OF INTEGRITY AS NEWSMEN AND IT CAN ONLY BE ASSUMED THAT THE FALSE CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST THEM WERE MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO IMPAIR THEIR USEFULNESS AS NEWSMEN.

"THIS CONTRAVENES THE SPIRIT OF THE HELSINKI PACT AND THE U.S.S.R. IS REQUESTED TO WITHDRAW THE CHARGES AND SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT."

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